

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Training Room, Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA, on February 25, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Technical Advisory Meeting also will be held on February 25, 2008 in the Training Room from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. In case of inclement weather, check the DEQ website for a rescheduled date.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Conservation and Recreation are announcing the finalizing of a study to restore water quality, a public comment opportunity, a Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and public meeting.

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** Final technical advisory committee and public meetings on a study to restore water quality

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** Virginia agencies are working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in the waters of Upham Brook and its tributaries, totalling 48.0 river miles in Henrico County and the City of Richmond. These streams are impaired for failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use because of bacterial standard violations.

The study reports the sources of bacterial contamination and recommends total maximum daily loads, or TMDLs, for the impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to the TMDL amount.

**HOW A DECISION IS MADE:** The development of a TMDL includes a public comment period, including public meetings. After public comments have been considered and addressed, DEQ will submit the TMDL report to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts written comments by email, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, February 25, 2008 to March 26, 2008. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice.

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